

10:00 am, Tuesday, February 26th
Congressional Meeting Room South
Capitol Visitors Center

Private investment is a formidable economic presence in Latin America. Between 1995 and 2009, foreign direct investment in the region grew 295% from \$29.5 billion to \$116.6 billion. In the first half of 2012, venture capital and private equity investment in Latin America was \$1.79 billion. Yet despite this influx of capital, Latin America has one of the highest levels of income inequality in the world and over 30% of the region's population still lives in poverty. It is timely now to examine impact investing -- how private investment can generate broad-based financial and social change in key sectors, including housing, education, and infrastructure.

Please join the Congressman at 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 26th to learn about the opportunities and challenges of private investment for public good in Latin America.

Panelists

Nancy Rivera
Managing Director, Structured Finance
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Inter-American Development Bank

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Moderator

J.F. Hornbeck
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Private Investment for Public Good in Latin America is part of an on-going monthly briefing series hosted by the Congressman called Latin America on the Rise, which brings in a diversity of speakers to address emerging and emergent issues in the Western Hemisphere. If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (caitie.whelan@mail.house.gov) in his office.